

Energize Indiana Update

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Kernan drives EI message



Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan talks about Indiana's economic-development future with Robert McKinney, chairman and CEO of First Indiana Corp., during Wednesday's Energize Indiana forum at IUPUI.

The News in Brief...

Energize Indiana forums continue at IUPUI

Kernan takes reins of O'Bannon's job-creation message

More than 100 business, community and government leaders gathered on the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis Wednesday for the 10th of 12 Energize Indiana forums designed to educate community leaders about the O'Bannon-Kernan administration's job-creation program.

"We are here to talk about the future," Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan said. "There is someone missing today, but if Governor O'Bannon were here, he would tell you exactly the same thing."

Kernan took the lead as keynote speaker in the absence of Governor Frank O'Bannon, who is ill in Chicago. The final two forums will be held as scheduled in South Bend (Sept. 17) and Gary (Sept. 24).

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Economic profile: Department of Commerce Region 7

Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson,
Madison, Marion, Morgan and Shelby counties

Profile: Good economy is "central" to success of region

Region 7 is home to the highest concentration of manufacturing, professional and technical services in the state. More than 65 percent of the U.S. population lives within a day's drive of Indiana, and four of the state's six interstate highways converge in Central Indiana. This transportation hub creates an ideal location for companies dealing in 21st century logistics, or high-tech distribution, one of four industrial sectors on which Energize Indiana focuses.

Success story: Future bright for Mooresville

Mooresville is quickly becoming a premier business location in Central Indiana as an industrial hub. Economic development leaders market the community's proximity to Indianapolis International Airport; Interstates 70 and 465; and reasonably priced sites available in a fully developed industrial park, as well as other sites within the community. Indiana's convenient, cost-effective location and competitive tax structure help Mooresville companies, such as TOA (USA), LLC, succeed. TOA, which is based in Ota City, Japan, selected Mooresville for its first U.S. location. Through advanced manufacturing, TOA supplies products to the automotive industry. Learn more about job creation in Mooresville at www.mooresville-in.com. Additional information can be found at the Indy Partnership Web site at www.indypartnership.com.



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